

## **The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at St Mary's Church, Bacton  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.30pm

### **Present**

Sue Holdich (Chair)  
Sarah Spink (Secretary)  
Andy Friend (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)  
Simon Holdich  
David and Diana Chambers  
Rose Graham  
Helen Thomson  
Kevin and Hazel Laflin  
Paul and Gail Wigglesworth  
Carole and Carlton Jackson  
Philip Jeffries  
John Kingsley

### **Welcome and Apologies**

Sue welcomed those present. Apologies for absence had been received from Mike Hall, Katrina Laflin and Martin Buckle.

### **Introduction to the Friends**

Sue presented a summary of the Friends' work to date, from the charity's inception through to its current situation. She went on to explain that the Friends would be unsustainable without volunteers for new officers.

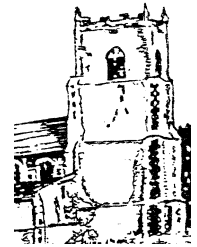
Sue invited questions from those present, before moving on to requesting nominations for officer positions.

### **Nominations for Officer Positions**

Many people in attendance had ongoing commitments and responsibilities and there was a general reluctance to volunteer for officer positions. Several people confirmed their intention to attend future Friends meetings and provide ongoing support with fundraising activities, which was much appreciated by the existing committee.

Paul Wigglesworth expressed interest in the position of Chair, provided the current treasurer and secretary would remain in office for the foreseeable future. Andy and Sarah explained that they would be willing to continue in their current roles to provide stability to the committee.

Hazel Laflin proposed Paul Wigglesworth for Chair, seconded by Philip Jeffries and the proposal was voted on by those present. The outcome was unanimous, with all in favour.

**Appointment of New Chair**

Sue Holdich stepped down as Chair and the Friends thanked her for her tireless work over the past 17 years.

Paul Wigglesworth assumed his new role as Chair of the Friends.

**Any other business**

The Friends agreed that future meetings would be held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month.

**Date of next meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm